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Unemployment Claims Filed for Week Ending March 20

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of March 14-20, a total of 248 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is a decrease of 107 claims from the prior week's total of 355.

The latest number of continued state claims is 4,944 for the week ending March 13, a decrease of 8 from the prior week's total of 4,952. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

For week ending March 20, a total of \$1.2 million was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$1.7 million in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$162,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$323,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was \$150.6 million on March 21.

Benefits paid since March 16, 2020:

- Regular State = \$107.9 million
- FPUC = \$225.6 million
- PUA = \$19.6 million
- PEUC = \$7.2 million

Total = Approximately \$360.3 million

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NOTE: DLR will send out weekly news release updates on new unemployment claims every Thursday after the U.S. Department of Labor publishes the official release at 8:30 a.m. EDT. View at https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp.